<u>PATENT APPLICATION</u> Attorney Docket No. <u>7390/71285</u>

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: SHIMIZU et al.

Examiner Carrie Thompson

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Application No. 09/827,346

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Group Art Unit 1774

For: FLAME RETARDING POLYPROPYLENE FIBER AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF AND FLAME RETARDING POLYPROPYLENE FILM

## REQUEST TO RE-SET RESPONSE DATE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please re-set the response date for the requirement for restriction because the Patent Office illegally, erroneously mailed paper number 7 to a law firm that never had a power of attorney to prosecute this application.

The Applicants herein completed Rule 53 Requirements and appointed the undersigned and the attorneys associated with Customer No. 22242. See, e.g., Oath and Declaration filed herein on July 31, 2001. Applicants' lawfully appointed counsel had filed an address change on May 22, 2001.

This action lacks factual or legal basis. Why did the Patent Office violate the sanctity of Applicants' Oath and Declaration?

Respectfully submitted,

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